



PROGRAM SPONSOR ALERT

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Subject: CPR Requirement for Preliminary Multiple Subject and Single Subject Teaching Credentials

Summary:

This notice is to alert all institutions that offer approved Multiple Subject or Single Subject teacher preparation programs that it is a requirement that all individuals recommended for a preliminary teaching multiple or single subject teaching credential have certification in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR).

Background:

The requirement for an individual to have passed CPR is in Education Code § 44259 (c) (4) (A) Health education, including study of ...cardiopulmonary resuscitation.... Training in cardiopulmonary resuscitation shall also meet the standards established by the American Heart Association or the American Red Cross.

At one point in time, CPR was required for the clear credential. However, with the implementation of SB 2042, the requirement for an individual to have passed CPR became a requirement for the preliminary credential. This was documented in the SB 2042 Reference Manual developed and disseminated by members of the Credential Counselors and Analysts of California in March 2002.

Revised Multiple and Single Subject Teacher Preparation Program Standards

The Program Standards adopted in September 2001 did not specifically list the CPR requirement. However, CPR certification is a statutory credential requirement and all approved preliminary preparation programs must ensure that each individual recommended for a preliminary credential has the appropriate CPR certification. The Credential Analyst's Reference Manual provided clarification as to the requirement of CPR for the Preliminary SB 2042 credential.

The Commission took action at the January-February 2008 meeting to remove the "Required Elements" format from its SB 2042 program standards. Staff has been working with stakeholders to ensure that the essential components of the standards are retained while the required elements

are removed. The proposed revised SB 2042 Multiple and Single Subject Program Standards are scheduled to be presented to the Commission for information at the December 2008 meeting: <http://www.ctc.ca.gov/commission/agendas/2008-12/2008-12-3E.pdf> . The standards will return to the Commission in January 2009 for consideration and adoption.

The proposed revised program standards clearly state that all candidates recommended for a preliminary teaching credential must have CPR certification and that the certification meets the criteria of the American Heart Association or the American Red Cross. Proposed ***Program Standard 10 Preparation for Learning to Create a Supportive, Healthy Environment for Student Learning*** has the following sentence, “Candidates complete infant, child, and adult CPR certification which meets the criteria of the American Heart Association or the American Red Cross.”

It is requested that approved multiple and single subject preparation programs confirm with all credential analysts and other faculty or staff responsible for making the credential recommendation that each candidate recommended for a preliminary MS or SS teaching credential has the appropriate CPR certification.

References:

Education Code § 44259 (c) (4) (A)

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